

PUBLIC HEALTH – WATER QUALITY

Department Overview

The Gallatin Local Water Quality District is a non-regulatory department of Gallatin County.

Our mission is to protect, preserve, and improve the quality of ground water and surface water within the District boundaries.

The District is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors consisting of representatives from the communities of Bozeman, Belgrade, Manhattan, and Gallatin County.

Department Goals

- Provide public education related to water quality and quantity issues to the residents, taxpayers, businesses and visitors of the local water quality district.
- Establish and maintain a ground water monitoring well network to evaluate and document changes in water quality and quantity.
- Collect, compile and disseminate water-resource information for the benefit of all citizens interested in water resources in the District.
- Obtain grants to assist with expanding our understanding local water resources, and to assist residents with disposal of hazardous waste materials.

Recent Accomplishments

- Inventories wetland and riparian areas within the District.
- Worked with other water resource organizations and agencies to provide public education on water resources.
- Held several household hazardous waste and electronic-waste collection events.
- Studied the occurrence of nitrate in ground water within the Gallatin Valley.
- Assisted with evaluation of ground water levels in the Sypes Canyon area.

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2005	Final FY 2006	Actual FY 2006	Request FY 2007	Preliminary FY 2007	Final FY 2007
Personnel	\$ 126,185	\$ 140,821	\$ 132,651	\$ 176,780	\$ 149,001	\$ 184,739
Operations	46,064	256,458	79,867	201,548	183,394	218,420
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	2,146	67,205	-	85,000	50,000	85,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 174,395	\$ 464,484	\$ 212,518	\$ 463,328	\$ 382,395	\$ 488,159

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	174,395	464,484	212,518	463,328	382,395	488,159
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-

Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 154,500	\$ 166,602	\$ 163,270	\$ 166,602	\$ 166,602	\$ 172,248
Non-Tax Revenues	35,400	80,400	12,875	41,500	41,500	41,500
Cash Reappropriated	(15,505)	217,482	36,373	255,226	174,293	274,411
Total	\$ 174,395	\$ 464,484	\$ 212,518	\$ 463,328	\$ 382,395	\$ 488,159

Department Personnel

Personnel Summary

No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
1	Full-Time	LWQD Manager	1.00
1	Full-Time	Water Quality Specialist	1.75
1	Part-Time	Administrative Secretary	0.50
1	Temp	Field Tech-Student Intern, Temp	
Total Program FTE			3.25

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2007 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- Additional F/T Local Water Quality Specialist to start 10/1/2006.

Operations

- Move to Courthouse Annex

Capital

- Capital Reserves \$75,000, Computer \$2,500 and Plotter \$7,500

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the Local Water Quality District is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Preserve, protect & improve the quality of surface waters and ground waters.

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Formulate operational strategies and achieve facility objectives within planned budgets and timeframes.
- Establish a water quality level and quantity monitoring network.

Improve Communications

- Provide public education to all residents and visitors.
- Website access.

To be the Employer of Choice

- Continue staff training.
- Performance based evaluations.

